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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to the Notification of Defective Response mailed August 9, 2002, of the Initial Patent Examination Division of the Patent and Trademark Office, the period for response to which is set to expire on September 9, 2002. Submitted herewith is the translation of the claims for the above-captioned application. The translated claims were inadvertently omitted from the previously submitted verified translation. Thus, the translation of claims has already been verified. A copy of the original verification is enclosed.

No fee is required. Please direct any inquiries in connection with this application to the undersigned.

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do hereby declare that I am well acquainted with the English and German languages, and I hereby certify that the attached translation is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a true and correct translation of the abstract, specification and claims of the above-identified international application, as originally filed, into the English language.

Bochum, June 6, 2002

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